

Prudence as well as nature require that you pay that honour to your parents that you expect your children should pay to you.

Exert yourself in doing good to all men, but more particularly attend the interest of your relations; and where you can do no good, be sure you do no hurt.

Keep a guard upon your words as well as upon your actions, that neither of them may be tainted with vice or folly.

Value good council above money, and apply yourself to learn while there is any thing left that you do not know.

Our minds must be cultivated as well as our plants; for the improvement of our reason makes us truly men, but the neglect of it transforms us into brutes.

Wisdom and virtue are the only permanent and inviolable goods.

It is possible to be a wise man without looking sour. Wisdom may make a man grave, but never morose or inhumane.

Shun a lie, as you would avoid sacrilege.

Delight in the company of good men, for it will give you a tincture of their manners.

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Take heed of the vulgar error which intimates, that there may be good in evil. Those are grossly mistaken who talk of profitable knavery, or of starving honesty; for virtue and justice carry all that is good, and the most substantial profit along with them.

Let no man despair in adversity, nor presume in prosperity.

Listen not to calumny, nor venture to repeat it.

Propose honest things, follow wholesome councils, and leave the event to God.

Rise early to your business, learn good things, and oblige good men: these are three things of which you shall never repent.

Have a care of luxury and gluttony, and more particularly of drunkenness; for wine as well as age, makes a man a child.

Love and honour kings, princes and magistrates; for they are the bands of society, in punishing the guilty and protecting the innocent.

*Ennus*, it is said, truly repented of the crimes he had been guilty of, and by observing his father's maxims, and copying his example, became a good man; but as the mischief done to the constitution in our youth

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